of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERC) in each State/UT for determination of tariffs; no sector paying less than 50% of the average cost of supply, agriculture tariff not being less than 50 paise per kwh to be brought to 50% of the average cost in not more than 3 years; recommendations of SERCs being mandatory and for any deviation from tariff recommended by it, the State Government/UTs to Provide for the financial implication of such deviation in the State/UT budget and a package of incentive and disincentives to encourage and facilitate the implementation to tariff rationalisation by the States.

(c) CMNAPP has been finalised as a result of the consensus reached in the meeting held with Chief Ministers of States;

(d) The Action Plan also recommends autonomy to the State Electricity Boards; restructuring and corporatisation of SEBs to run on commercial basis; improvement in the management practices of State Electricity Boards; improvement of various physical parameters including improvement in the plant load factor of thermal power stations and encouragement to private sector participation in generation, transmission and distribution.

Air Pollution

3831. SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the additional amount the Government had to incur to build safeguards from the environmental point of view in their existing process units/new projects in the country by Oil Industry during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent exclusively on its various schemes including facilities to Agra residents for reducing the air pollution caused by the Mathura Refinery for protection of Taj Mahal during the last three years;

(c) the amount the Government propose to spend by setting up Hydrocracker facility for reducing the adverse impact of sulfurious emissions from Mathura Refinery; and

(d) by when this process is likely to be completed

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Employment

3832. SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH :
DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR :
SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have fixed any target to provide employment during 1997-98.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of persons got employment during 1996-97 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) Two Centrally sponsored urban employment schemes, namely, Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) and Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP), are being implemented in the country.

NRY : On the basis of tentative allocation, 1.32 lakh beneficiaries are likely to be assisted under the Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME).

1.19 lakh beneficiaries have been assisted under SUME during 96-97 uptil 28.2.97.

PMI UPEP : The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP), launched in November, 1995, seeks to address the problems of urban poverty in small Urban agglomerations with a population ranging between 50,000 and 1,00,000 with a multi-pronged, whole-town and integrated approach to the economic, social and physical conditions of those living below poverty line in urban areas. Provision of self-employment to unemployed and under-employed urban poor through setting up of micro-enterprises is one of the many components of the programme.

Most of the States are in the preliminary stages of the implementation of the programme, such as House-to-house survey, spatial mapping, need assessment, preparation of project reports, building community structures, etc.

As reported by State Governments, about 20775 applications under self-employment have been forwarded to banks, cut of which 3080 cases have been approved.

Power Projects in Maharashtra

3833. SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) The details of power projects functioning in Maharashtra at present and the quantum of power generated by each project during the last three years;

(b) the quantum of power being supplied by Central Power Grid and other projects to the State;

(c) the number of projects under consideration of Central Electricity Authority;

(d) the estimated power likely to be generated after composition of these projects; and

(e) the measures being taken by the Government for adequate supply of power to the State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Details of power projects functioning in Maharashtra at present and the quantum of power generated by each project during 1993-94 to 1995-96 is given in attached statement.

(b) Entitlement vis-a-vis Actual drawal by Maharashtra from Central Sector Stations in the region during the last three years is given below :

	Entitlement (MU)	Actual drawal (MU)
1993-94	7925.1	6668.1
1994-95	8184.9	6524.6
1995-96	10197.6	8996.6

Maharashtra received an assistance of 9.6 MU and 52.0 MU from Northern Region during 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively.

(c) and (d) There are 9 sanctioned/ongoing Hydro and Thermal projects in Maharashtra with a total capacity of 3075 MW.

(e) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power in Maharashtra include expediting the commissioning of new generating capacity, maximising the generation from existing capacity, implementation of R&M programme, reduction in T&D losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures, arranging of power from neighbouring State/System and encouraging private sector participation in power generation etc.

Statement

Stationwise Power Generation in Maharashtra

Name of the Station	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4
Thermal			
Nasik	5051	5157	5045
Koradi	6260	5679	6277
Paron	278	198	202
Bhusawal	2538	2883	2599
Parli	3184	3501	3287
Chandrapur	7816	8865	11270
Khaperkheda-II	2849	3087	2549
Uran GT	1727	3665	4872
Hydro			
Koyna	3413	3951	2757
Koyna Dam	185	185	69
Vaitarna	120	269	113
Paithon	33	40	13
Tillary	146	157	81
Bhira Tail	109	83	72
Bandardhar	28	2	0
Bhatsu	53	40	33
Small Hydro	209	226	98
Trombay	5691	6340	7353
Trombay GT	184	677	1466
Trombay (H)	143U	1334	1191
Tarapur APS	1821	1517	1552
Dhanu (BSES)	0	15	1222

Food Effected Tribals

3834. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the condition of tribals of Bihar who are indebted and flood effected;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of assistance provided to them by the Union Government and the State Government under the Poverty Alleviation Programme and the name of agencies which provided the said amount; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to do away with the system of engaging middleman in the process of providing the amount of assistance ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Establishment of Nagarpalikas

3835. SHRI S.P. JAISWAL :
SHRI SOHAN VEER SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Mahanagarpalikas and Nagarpalikas functioning in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to constitute more new Nagarpalikas;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the time by which new Nagarpalikas are likely to be constituted; and